(b) The Year-wise break-up of incidents involving harassment, assault, intimidation and break-ins at the residences of Indian Officials etc. in Pakistan is as follow:

(i) 1999 : 18

(ii) 2000 : 22

(iii) 2001 : 16 (up to 1.12.2001)

(c) The safety and security of the High Commission and its personnel is the responsibility of the Government of Pakistan in accordance with the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, 1961 and the bitateral Code of Conduct of Treatment of Diplomatic/ Consular Personnel in India and Pakistan.

While protesting strongly .against the incidents of assault, harassment etc. of its officials in Islamabad, Government has time and again reminded Pakistan of its obligations udner the Vienna Convention as well as the bilateral Code of Conduct for Treatment of Diplomatic/Consular Personnel in India and Pakistan. Government are committed to taking all necessary measures to ensure the welfare and well-being of their personnel posted in Missions abroad.

Missile shield for India

1905. SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM:

DR. KARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the 'Indian Express' dated October 29, 2001, captioned "Putin clears missile shield for India";

(b) if so, the details of the proposal to build a missile shield for India as approved by the Russian President; and

(c) Government's reaction and response to the proposed missile shield?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news story is not factually correct.

(c) Does not arise.